

Sudbury Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2026

Virtual Meeting

Members Present

- Dan Carty (Chair)
- Cheryl Wallace
- Adam Burney
- Alice Sapienza
- Nickole Boardman
- Mary Brauer - absent

Guests

- Andy Willard, CSM on the Uber Transit Team
- Eric Cartrite, Implementation Manager on the Uber Transit Team
- Jill Dube: Outreach worker and assistant director at the Sudbury Senior Center.
- Nina Lurie: Town Social Worker

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Dan Carty.

2. Roll Call

- Roll call was conducted.
- Dan Carty advised that the meeting was being recorded and shared live. Stated this is a public meeting, therefore privacy should not be expected.

3. Administrative Items

- Adam Burney agreed to take notes for this meeting.
- Adam Burney was made co-host to assist with any technical difficulties.
- Dan Carty welcomed Eric Cartrite and Andy Willard, representatives from Uber.

4. Agenda Items

- Dan Carty noted that the representatives from Uber are present to talk about the emergency rides.

- Dan Carty requested discussion with the Committee about FlashVote.
- Dan Carty requested Committee member Nickole Boardman speak on F.I.S.H.
- Lastly, Dan Carty stated he would share other administrative items, action items, and events.

5. Discussion Items

- Transportation Programs Update:
 - Dan Carty invited Andy Willard and Eric Cartrite, of the Uber Transit Team, to speak about implementing the emergency rides functionality of the Uber program.
 - Dan Carty stated that the Committee had decided on \$100 for the emergency ride voucher.
 - Adam Burney (Town staff) questioned Eric Cartrite (Uber representative) how to confirm enrollment in the current Uber voucher program, before being granted access to emergency voucher.
 - Mr. Cartrite stated there would need to be a background mechanism to confirm enrollment in the program. Additionally, Mr. Cartrite stated that Uber has the ability to send an email to those not eligible for the program, but had completed the google form.
 - Mr. Cartrite stated a voucher can be sent to a recipient's email address or phone number.
 - The Committee discussed and determined that this program was to be in effect after the regular hours of the Uber program.

Mr. Burney made a motion to institute the emergency vouchers at \$100 per voucher, to each user, on a once per month basis, with a target date beginning May 1st. Sapienza seconded.

Roll call: Burney (Aye), Sapienza (Aye), Wallace (Aye), Boardman (Aye), Carty (Aye).

- Action Items from Previous Meeting: February 6, 2026
 - Discuss FlashVote at March 6, 2026 meeting, to be completed shortly.
 - Alice Sapienza sent budget analysis information, completed.
 - Dan Carty to communicate with the MWRTA, completed.
 - Dan Carty to have a discussion with Cold Brook Crossing about shuttles to train stations, completed.
 - Dan Carty to meet with Jill Dube to determine those signing up and not using the vouchers, incomplete.
 - Dan Carty to submit the Annual Report, completed.
 - Dan Carty to invite Uber representatives to March 6, 2026, completed.
 - Dan Carty and Adam Burney to meet with Mark Thompson (Town IT Staff), completed.
 - Update on Catch Connect bill, Adam Burney stated the first half of the bill has been paid.
 - Update on Earmark from the state, none. Mr. Burney to follow up.
 - March vouchers are out.

- Cold Brook Crossing and Catch Connect
 - Alice Sapienza mentioned that people have been getting picked up from Cold Brook Crossing using Catch Connect. Ms. Sapienza wanted to include this note before the discussion continues about further stops and shuttles to train stations.
 - Dan Carty mentioned how this Committee can potentially help Cold Brook Crossing get higher utilization of their shuttle.
- FlashVote
 - Alice Sapienza sent a draft to Adam Burney, Nicole Boardman, and Dan Carty for comments. Ms. Sapienza incorporated the goals of the program into the survey and read through the questions.
 - Adam Burney and Alice Sapienza to finalize the survey and send to Leila Frank (Town Staff).
- F.I.S.H.
 - Nickole Boardman was speaking for this topic. Formerly known as Friends in Service Helping (F.I.S.H.), now called Community Rides Program. The program has been advertised in their newsletters, and began March 1st, 2026. There has been difficulty finding drivers that are willing to go into Boston.
 - Program consists of volunteer drivers using their personal vehicles to transport those requesting assistance.
 - Dan Carty questioned about the eligibility of drivers to get a tax write-off for this work, but the answer was inconclusive.
- Administrative Items
 - Health Fair – Transportation Committee has a table at the fair, Dan Carty to run the table. Nina Lurie to add Dan Carty to list about health fair reminders.
 - Adam Burney new Sudbury Representative of Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC).
 - Sudbury Doing Good group is meeting April 15th Adam Burney will attend.
- Minutes
 - Revisions made to January 9th meeting minutes

Mr. Burney made a motion to approve the January 9th meeting minutes as edited. Sapienza seconded. Roll call: Boardman (Aye), Wallace (Aye), Sapienza (Aye), Burney (Aye), Carty (Aye).

- Meeting minutes for February 6th will be reviewed next meeting.
- Comments on Handicap Rides
 - Wallace to relay to COD, approximately 60 days

6. Action Items

- Adam Burney and Dan Carty to provide information necessary to Uber representatives for verification of recipient enrollment for emergency rides with a target date of May 1st.

- Adam Burney and Dan Carty to discuss vetting on contract with FedNor.
- Adam Burney to get update on Earmark from the state.
- Dan Carty to work with Mark Thompson (IT Town Staff) on Google Workspace
- Adam Burney and Alice Sapienza to finalize the survey and send to Dan Carty and Leila Frank (Selectboard Town Staff).

7. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 11:42 AM by Adam Burney. Seconded by Alice Sapienza.

Roll call: Boardman (Aye), Wallace (Aye), Sapienza (Aye), Burney (Aye), Carty (Aye).

8. Next Meeting

- Next meeting is Friday, April 10th, at 10:30 AM by Zoom.